

## WATER COMMISSION

**Regular Meeting for Astoria Held Last Evening.**

**FIRST TIME IN CITY HALL**

**Telephone Privilege Granted by Board—Fire Pressure Control Provided For—All Current Bills Paid in Full—Mr. Mansell Remains Another Month.**

The Astoria water commission held its regular monthly meeting last night, in its new and handsome quarters at the city hall, with President Charles J. Wright in the chair, Secretary J. B. Mansell in charge of the records and all members of the commission in their places; including W. E. Dement's successor, Asmus Brix, who has qualified since the last session of the board.

The pay roll of the city force of employees and of the repairing camp, in the sum of \$1829.90 was audited and warrants ordered to issue therefore. Commission also audited the bills for five hundred feet of wooden stove piping, and for the new office equipment of furniture aggregating the sum of \$1395.16 and same were ordered paid.

A communication was read, coming from C. C. Masten, asking to be allowed to use the commission's telephone line for service from his residence to the logging camp on the pipeline road; and his petition was granted, on condition that he agree to pay one-half the expense of keeping up the line from the city to the head works.

A communication was read, coming from Fire Chief C. E. Foster, in relation to placing fire hydrants in various parts of the city and putting the control of the high-pressure in the hands of the chief of the fire department; and Clerk Mansell was directed to inform the chief that the commission had no more fire hydrants to put in, and that the control of the fire-pres-

sure would be put in the hands of the superintendent.

Clerk Mansell was directed to address a communication to the common council, asking if it was a part of the duties of the janitor of the city hall to keep in order the quarters of the water-commission in that building.

The resignation of J. H. Mansell, as clerk of the water commission, was again presented, and was accepted to become operative on November 1st, upon which date the new clerk, G. W. Lounsbury will assume his duties. The commission then adjourned.

### HOTEL ARRIVALS.

#### The Occident.

C. H. Currie, Seattle.  
C. H. McWilliams, Waterloo, Ia.  
Geo. B. Burt, Chicago.  
C. F. Petterson, Tacoma.  
Walter Seaborg, Ilwaco.  
L. Mursh, San Francisco.  
J. H. Dixon, Portland.  
C. P. Henninger, San Francisco.  
S. A. Burt, Denver.  
L. B. Suley, Portland.  
Ben Franklin, Oakland, Cal.  
Capt. I. D. Mont Eton, Barkin Chelalis.

J. M. Blackburn and family, Pocatillo, Ida.

R. W. Holmes and wife, Pocatillo, Ida.

Mrs. H. N. Ross, Hazel.

Clyde Ross, Hazel.

H. C. Mayer.

Major John P. Dresser, U. S. Army.

C. W. Gregg, S. Joseph, Mo.

Pat Seales.

### NOTED WOMAN DIES

New York, Oct. 6.—Mrs. Catharine Albert Penfield, wife of Frederick Courtland Penfield, a former American diplomatic agent and consul general to Egypt, died on Wednesday of heart disease at a hotel here. She was 60 years old.

Mrs. Penfield was at one time the center of an international dispute. Before she married Mr. Penfield in London, she was the widow of Colonel Edward McMurdo, who built the Delagoa Bay railroad. She inherited from him an interest amounting to \$1,500,000 in the claim against Portugal allowed the matter to be arbitrated. She finally received \$500,000.

## RICH MAN MISSING

**Owned Interest in Defunct Alamosa Bank.**

**MAY HAVE MET FOUL PLAY**

**About a Year Ago Mr. Schiffer, the Missing Man Was Shot While in Charge of the Bank, and Brothers Fear He May Have Been Again Assaulted.**

New York, Oct. 6.—Through police headquarters a country wide alarm has been sent out for Abraham Schiffer, a controlling owner in the silk firm of Polgran & Meyer, and a part owner of the Alamosa bank of Alamosa, Colo., which closed its doors a few days ago after \$250,000 of its funds were reported missing.

Mr. Schiffer left New York last Thursday, ostensibly for Alamosa and has not been heard from since. He did not reach his destination and telegraph messages to various parts of the country having failed to reach him, his brother, Herman, fearing that he had met with violence, yesterday asked the police to aid in finding him.

Isaac Schiffer another brother, was Abraham's partner in the western bank. According to a statement made at their office yesterday they were interested to the extent of \$35,000 each. Their first knowledge of trouble in the bank's affairs came to them last week when it was reported that \$70,000 had been lost in some manner unknown. They at once prepared to go to Alamosa, Isaac starting first. He is there now. Abraham was unable to go until last Thursday.

About a year ago Mr. Schiffer was shot while in charge of the bank at Alamosa, and his brother thinks he may have been again assaulted.

In speaking of the management of the Alamosa bank, Herman Schiffer said yesterday he knew nothing of any speculation in mining stock or mines which is reported to have caused the collapse of the bank. He said that so far as he knew, his brothers were not interested in any such deals. He said he was unable to express any opinion on the cause of the failure because he was without news except the public printing.

### PLUCKY, BUT MODEST

**Young Astorian Plunges Into the Bay and Saves a Life.**

About 6 o'clock on Thursday evening last, while the local business world of Astoria was closing its doors and preparing for home, a few busy people still lingered on the Lindenberger dock receiving the last shipment of the day from a truck just arrived there. The driver of this truck was Ben Marion, a well known young swimmer and all-around athlete.

During a pause in the business on hand, Marion, glancing over the stringer to the bay saw a boy in a boat and both in trouble. Presently the boat overturned and the youngster was in the bay and gave every sign of helplessness in his situation. Ben Marion made a running jump, flinging his coat as he ran, and plunged into the water, and in a trice had the boy (whose name is Georgie Osmundson) back on the dock in safety.

Mr. Marion is as modest as he is plucky and prevailed on the bystanders to say nothing of the occurrence, but it leaked out yesterday, and as the Astorian believes in placing credit where it is due, the story is written as it was given a reporter yesterday morning by one who heard it from an eyewitness.

### PROBATE COURT.

An order was made in the probate court yesterday approving the final account of the executor of the estate of William Edgar, deceased.

### CALL AND GET YOUR TROUT.

Dell Seuley and John Manchiet made a trip to Olney yesterday. They took out a fresh supply of bait to the fishing party that Collector Robb is chaperoning there. The fishing is reported first class and the boys brought home a fine lot of salmon trout which they will present to their friends this morning on application.

### POST MASTERS APPOINTED.

Washington, Oct. 5.—The following post masters were appointed by the president today: Oregon—Burns, Frank W. Welole; Sumpter, Harvey S. Buck; Washington—South Bend, Frank L. Turner.

## PERSONAL MENTION

C. E. Palmer returned to Portland last evening.

Major John P. Dresser, U. S. A. is in the city.

J. M. Blackburn and family are visiting in this city.

R. W. Holmes and wife are guests of the Occident.

F. L. Parker and wife are taking in the exposition at Portland.

F. D. Kueltnier and wife, left last evening for a visit to Portland.

Dr. R. C. Hicks left yesterday for Portland, where she will remain for several days.

Mrs. Charles Olsen and Miss Myrtle Olsen left yesterday for Portland, where they will visit the fair.

Harry Gray, went to Portland last evening, where he will take in the sights at the Lewis and Clark fair for a few days.

Sheriff Linnville left last evening for Salem, where he went to take Harry Doyle to the penitentiary, where he will serve a three year sentence for forgery.

Mrs. Belle Huden and Miss Gustafson left last evening for a two day's visit to the Portland exposition.

### CARS ARE SCARCE.

W. R. Hume, manager of the Tongue Point Lumber company says they are badly handicapped for lack of cars to ship their products on, and could use 75 cars now if they could get them. As it is they are making arrangements to bring a fleet of vessels here and will try and get rid of their surplus by shipping, by water, Superintendent McGuire of the A. & C. promised him yesterday that he would see that he got 11 cars today.

### Full of Tragic Meaning.

are these lines from J. H. Simmons, of Casey, Ia. Think what might have resulted from his terrible cough if he had not taken the medicine about which he writes: "I had a fearful cough, that disturbed my night's rest. I tried everything, but nothing would relieve it, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery, for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which completely cured me." Instantly relieves and permanently cures all throat and lung diseases; prevents grip and pneumonia. At Chas. Rogers' drugist; guaranteed; 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.



**Ladies' Fall Shirt-Waists**

Fancy Mixtures at . . . \$1.00 and \$1.15

All Wool Flannel . . . \$1.00 and \$1.15

Alpaca in all colors . . . \$1.75

**Ladies' Caps in Nobby New Styles**

Just the thing for rainy weather

48c, 73c, and 89c.

The largest variety of

**Ladies' Rain Coats**

In the city.

Swell coats from . . . \$5.00 to \$20.00

Have you seen our new suits, nothing like them.

We can Fit You Perfectly.



## QUEER USE OF JAIL

**Sheriff Declares Ludlow Street Jail to Be Blackmailing Institution.**

**PRISONERS COST \$30 A DAY**

**Nine Out of Every Ten Prisoners Sent to Institute Are Sent Through Blackmail—One \$10,000 Breach of Promise Case Settled For \$17.**

New York, Oct. 6.—Ludlow Street jail in New York city is a blackmailing institution according to Sheriff Erlanger's statement yesterday before the board of estimates.

"I know that Ludlow street jail," said the sheriff, "though the civil process, is the champion blackmailing institution of the United States. I know of one case where a man was imprisoned for a breach of promise in a suit for \$10,000, and the people who put him in jail compromised for \$17, and that \$17 was divided among three persons."

"I believe that nine out of every ten of the civil prisoners who are sent to Ludlow street jail are there through process of blackmail. The system is all wrong, to the shame of the legislature."

Mr. Erlanger asked for \$100,750 for the annual expenses of the jail. Nine prisoners, he said, was the greatest number there had been in this jail at any one time during the past year and at present the jail has only three. They are guarded and cared for by one warden, eleven keepers, two engineers, two cooks and a laundress.

After this announcement by the sheriff it was computed that on a basis of nine prisoners in the jail all the time, each one costs the country \$30 a day during his incarceration.

### PRECEDENT UPSET

**Democrats Loudly Cheer President's Name and Commend Him Highly.**

New York, Oct. 6.—Political precedent was upset last night when resolutions praising President Roosevelt and his tact and statesmanship in bringing about a settlement of the Russo-Japanese war were adopted amid enthusiastic cheers at the democratic city convention in Carnegie hall.

The resolution created a sensation. They spoke of the president's remarkable tact, surprising courage, distinguished ability and commanding influence, in achieving the greatest peace triumph of the age. Loud cheers marked the mention of Mr. Roosevelt's name and a storm of applause followed the conclusion of the reading. Perfect harmony without dissent nominated George B. McClellan, for mayor; Herman A. Metz, for comptroller, and Patrick F. McGowan, for president of the board of aldermen.

### SEALING SCHOONER SEIZED

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 6.—A dispatch received in this city from Montevideo, Uruguay, states that the Halifax sealing schooner Agnes Donahoe, sailed from that port yesterday for Halifax. The schooner was seized by the Uruguay authorities several months ago on the charge of violating the sealing regulations and the captain and crew were imprisoned. The captain and crew have now been released and allowed to proceed with their vessel. The owners of the schooner have entered a claim for several thousand dollars.

### NEW STAR DISCOVERED.

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 6.—A new star reaching almost to the sixth magnitude has been discovered by the Harvard observatory. The new light is in the constellation Aquilla and takes its name, Nova Aquillae No. 2, from the fact that it being the second new star found in that group. The light of the new star is steadily decreasing. The star, when first seen, was to the 6.5 magnitude, but now it has a magnitude of 11.5.

Mrs. H. C. Roper, of Antelope Oregon, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. R. O. Laufer at Bay Center, on Shoal Water Bay, reached this city on the Nahotta last evening, for a few weeks' visit with her brothers, W. C. A. and Max Pohl.

### TODAY'S WEATHER.

Portland, Oct. 6.—Western Oregon and western Washington: Saturday, showers.

Eastern Oregon and eastern Washington, fair.

# STOKES

Ready to wear clothes appeal to the man who is able to appreciate the difference between ordinary ready made garments and clothes made as high class tailor would make them. To these men we would be pleased to show our high class tailor made suits, overcoats and rain coats. You would not have to buy—you would not even be asked, but a trial will convince you that we can prove up when we say **PERFECT FIT** Guaranteed or money refunded.

Suits . . . . . \$10 to \$30.00

Overcoats . . . . . \$10 to \$30.00

Rain Coats . . . . . \$12.50 to \$30.00

**P. A. STOKES**

The Dressy Shop for Dressy Men.

### Don't Borrow Trouble.

It is a bad habit to borrow anything, but the worst thing you can possibly borrow, is trouble. When sick, sore, heavy, weary and worn-out by the pains and poisons of dyspepsia, biliousness, Bright's disease, and similar internal disorders, don't sit down and brood over your symptoms, but fly for relief to Electric Bitters. Here you will find sure and permanent forgetfulness of all your troubles, and your body will not be burdened by a load of debt disease. At Chas. Rogers' drug store. Price 50c. Guaranteed.

## Accordion, Sunburst and Knife Pleating To Order

STEAM PROCESS.  
No Hot Irons. No Burning of Goods.  
**Miss O. Gould**  
Eighth Floor, Marquam Building.  
PORTLAND.  
Prompt and Careful Attention Given to all Out-of-Town Orders.

## The Astoria Restaurant.

GOOD, CLEAN  
**MEALS**  
EXCELLENT  
**SERVICE**  
OPEN ALL NIGHT  
399 Bond St., cor. Ninth

**10c**  
JUST RECEIVED.

**3000 Water Melons**

Which must be sold at once.

A late variety and of delicious flavor for the next

**THREE DAYS**

We will give you your choice of this Fine Assortment for Ten Cents.

**Foard & Stokes**

**10c**

Have You Bought Your Suit Yet?  
**The Best Style Exponents Tells Us**

THAT NO MATTER HOW MUCH NATURAL BEAUTY A WOMAN MAY POSSESS, UNLESS SHE SHOWS GOOD TASTE IN HER DRESS, HER BEAUTY IS OF NO AVAIL.  
IF THERE IS AN ARTICLE IN THIS LINE OF WEARING APPAREL THAT YOU ARE IN NEED OF.

**Pay Us A Visit**



OUR CLOAK, SUIT AND SKIRT DEPARTMENT COMPRISES THE MOST ARTISTIC CREATIONS THAT STYLE EXPERTS CAN PRODUCE AND WE HAVE AN EXPERIENCED FITTER TO AID YOU IN SELECTING A STYLE THAT WILL BE MOST BECOMING TO YOU.

Children's coats \$3 and up  
Ladies' skirts \$2.50 and up  
Ladies' Coats \$7.50 and up  
Ladies' Suits \$15.00 and up



**THE FOARD & STOKES CO.**

Agents for Dr. Warner's Rust Proof corsets.